

# God loves all people. So do we.



We are a community of faith seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life, and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life. Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

## Traditions

9am Worship | Sunday, January 12, 2020

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS | + PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our vision** is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

#### REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sundays 9am to 12pm; Mondays-Thursdays 9am to 3pm

#### SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please email all pertinent information to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org) by **1pm Tuesday** for the Sunday bulletin and **10am Wednesday** for the weekly e-blast. *All information is subject to staff approval.* Get sermon podcasts, 9am bulletin PDFs, calendar and programming information at [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org).

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#### PRAYER AT WBLUMC

One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or email Dave Hegdahl at [shegdahl2@comcast.net](mailto:shegdahl2@comcast.net).

**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto:rondalauva2@msn.com)

#### WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

##### Sunday, Jan. 12

9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall  
10-10:40am—All-church charge conference, room 200  
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

##### Monday, Jan. 13

10am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206  
10am-noon—Program staff meeting, library

##### Tuesday, Jan. 14

5:30pm—Solid Ground tour, East Metro Place  
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, office  
7pm—Finance Committee meeting, room 200  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

##### Wednesday, Jan. 15

7am-1pm—Bread baking, kitchen/Fellowship Hall  
1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6-6:30pm—Tween/Teen Choir rehearsal, room 205  
6:30pm—Children & Youth activities  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

##### Thursday, Jan. 16

7:10am—Men’s breakfast group, library  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107  
1-2pm—Service at Waverly Gardens

##### Saturday, Jan. 18

7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 107  
9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 107/206

##### Sunday, Jan. 19

9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall  
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery

##### Monday, Jan. 20

10am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206  
6-9pm—Wild Game Dinner, kitchen/Fellowship Hall  
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

##### Tuesday, Jan. 21

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206  
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library  
6-8pm—Board of Directors meeting, library  
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall  
7-9pm—Northeast Metro Climate meeting, room 200

WORDS FOR MEDITATION  
“So, it is the human condition that to wish for the greatness of one’s fatherland is to wish evil to one’s neighbors. The citizen of the universe would be the man who wishes his country never to be either greater or smaller, richer or poorer.”

~ Voltaire

WORSHIP NOTES  
**Today’s Opening Words** are an adaptation of a Companion Litany to the Social Creed of The United Methodist Church.

PRELUDE “Prelude and Toccata on Old Hundredth” Austin Lovelace

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “America the Beautiful” Samuel A. Ward

+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace **to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day  
God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world’s warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
**God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.**

**And so shall we.**



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**About the Unison Prayer**

Portions of today's prayer are taken from a prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). However, the first appearance of the Peace Prayer occurred in France in 1912 in a small spiritual magazine called *La Clochette (The Little Bell)*.

**Translation of the anthem**

Grant us Thy peace,  
Almighty Lord  
O Source of ev'ry blessing!  
We cannot keep Thy  
saving Word  
Unless Thy peace possessing.  
Thy peace O give  
By which we live.

+ OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

No. 127

UNISON PRAYER

**Loving God, you have created all people in your image: Grant us your grace to live into that image by fearlessly contending against evil and making no peace with oppression. Grant us the wisdom to employ our freedom in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations. Grant us peace in these times of trial to guard our minds, soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve to be an instrument of your peace:  
Where there is hatred, let us sow charity;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, the truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; and  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Verleih' uns Frieden"

by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

(Grant Unto Us Thy Peace)  
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the children's message, children and youth through 12th grade will leave for Sunday School.*

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-40

Reader: Tammey Busch

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

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"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' "

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Leader:* For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Elephants in the Room: Nationalism

Pastor John McBride

+ HYMN

"This Is My Song"

No. 437

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

"Anthem"  
Solo, Paul Gutmann

by Benny Anderson,  
Tim Rice, Bjorn Ulvaeus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CLOSING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

No. 431

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

**About the sermon series**

Our current sermon series takes on the topics most people seem to avoid talking about – the "elephants," the things that cast shadows over our lives, consume our attention, threaten us, or cause us to turn away in embarrassment. In the coming weeks, we look at nationalism, debt, addiction, violence, and death.